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1. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTTEL, GREEK DELEGATION CIRCULATED TO WESTERN CAUCUS MEMBERS PAPER PROPOSING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER POLLUTION AS AGENDA ITEM FOR POSSIBLE MEETING (HLM) ON ENVIRONMENT. (COPIES BEING HAND CARRIED WASHINGTON.) PRINCIPAL POINTS IN GREEK PRESENTATION INCLUDE:

(A) THIS IS REGIONAL PROBLEM WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED ON BILATERAL OR LIMITED MULTILATERAL BASIS.

(B) POLLUTION STANDARDS FOR ALL RIVERS, LARGE AND SMALL, MUST BE UNIFORM AS THEY ALL EVENTUALLY EMPTY INTO THE SEA.

(C) IMPROBABILITY OF A UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT DETER A BEGINNING TOWARD SOLUTION OF PROBLEM.

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(D) PUBLIC OPINION HAS BEEN SENSITIZED TO WATER POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND WOULD EXPECT THIS TOPIC TO BE COVERED IN ANY HLM ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

(E) THIS TOPIC IS SPECIFICALLY CITED IN THE CSCE FINAL ACT AS AN AREA FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATION. ALSO, UN WATER CONFERENCE EXPRESSLY RECOMMENDED THAT ECE PROMOTE COOPERATION IN THIS AREA.

(F) THE PRESENT SITUATION WHEREIN GEOGRAPHICALLY PRIVILEGED STATES USE WATER RESOURCES TO THE DETRIMENT OF DOWNSTREAM NEIGHBORS CANNOT CONTINUE. A HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED TO ENABLE A BEGINNING TOWARD SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM.

2. TURKEY HAS PREPARED RESOLUTION ON MIGRANT LABOR WHICH IT IS IN PROCESS OF CIRCULATING TO WESTERN CAUCUS. WE ARE HAVING COPIES HAND CARRIED TO WASHINGTON.

3. BOTH TURKISH RESOLUTION AND GREEK PROPOSAL WILL BE DISCUSSED AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WESTERN CAUCUS MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 6. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON THESE RESOLUTIONS, THE NORDIC PROPOSAL ON ENVIRONMENT HLM, AND DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY EC-9 AT APRIL 4 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING. VANDEN HEUVEL

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